

REMARKS

Declaration under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.131

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Applicants have herein included a declaration of prior invention in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.131. The included declaration is made to establish completion of the invention in this patent application at a date prior to Jan. 23, 2001, that is the filing date of U.S. Pub. No. 20020113622, "SPATIALLY FILTERED DATA BUS DRIVERS AND RECEIVERS AND METHOD OF OPERATING SAME" that was cited by the Examiner in prosecution of the present invention.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that the present invention as explicitly recited in each of the independent claims (e.g., Claims 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 35, and 36) is not rendered obvious by the cited references (e.g., Bausch in view of Tang) within the meaning of 35 U.S.C Section 103. Accordingly, all Claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All Claims (1-7, 9-36) of the present application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

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